

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7497

INFO AMCONSUL CALGARY

AMCONSUL HALIFAX

AMCONSUL MONTREAL

AMCONSUL QUEBEC

AMCONSUL ST JOHNS

AMCONSUL TORONTO

AMCONSUL VANCOUVER

AMCONSUL WINNIPEG

UNCLAS OTTAWA 3456

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CFED, CA

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DISRUPTION OF FEDERAL BENEFIT CHECK DISTRIBUTION  
TO CANADIAN BENEFICIARIES

1. DURING CURRENT LABOR DISPUTE BETWEEN GOC AND CANADIAN UNION OF POSTAL WORKERS (CUPW), POSTMASTER GENERAL BRYCE MACKASEY STATED PUBLICLY THAT CONTINUED INTRANSIGENCE BY UNION LEADERSHIP MIGHT LEAD TO CLOSING DOWN, POSSIBLY FOR EXTENDED PERIOD, OF POSTAL SERVICE THROUGHOUT CANADA.

2. SHOULD SUCH CONTINGENCY MATERIALIZE, EMBASSY CONCERNED ABOUT DISRUPTION OF SOCIAL SECURITY AND OTHER FEDERAL BENEFIT CHECK DISTRIBUTION TO BENEFICIARIES RESIDENT IN CANADA. WHILE IT WOULD PROBABLY BE TOO LATE TO REPROGRAM COMPUTERS, EVEN INSTANTANEOUSLY WITH INCEPTION OF STRIKE, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER WITH APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCIES FEASIBILITY OF ALTERNATE METHOD OF DISTRIBUTION TO CANADA RESIDENT BENEFICIARIES; E.G. THROUGH POSTS IN CANADA WHICH HAVE CONTINGENCY PLAN OF PICKING UP MAIL

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BY MESSENGER AT NEAREST POINTS ACROSS BORDER IN UNITED

STATES.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY THOUGHTS ON FOREGOING  
OR OTHER POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY PLANS FROM DEPT.  
SUGGESTIONS FROM INFO ADDRESSEES ALSO SOLICITED.  
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